

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Winona County District FY 09 EQIP

1.) List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- A) Erosion Control
- B) Water Quality (Karst Geology)
- C) Flooding
- D) Loss of Pollinators (Bees)
- E) Grazing
- F) Ag Waste Systems
- G) Wildlife Habitat fragmentation
- H) Invasive Species Control: Buckthorn, Prickly Ash, Box Elder, Multi Flora Rose
- I) Improper Woodland Management
- J) Loss of forage based Agriculture
- K) Loss of livestock base agriculture
- L) Improper land application of Ag Waste-Nutrient Management
- M) Carbon Sequestration
- N) Bio diversity losses of vegetation
- O) Riparian Corridors'

2.) If applicable, list any geographic regions (ie watersheds, Townships, ect.) and their respective resource concerns with in the District to receive priority:

- *Wellhead protection areas
- *Areas of County identified in geologic atlas as high susceptibility for pollution
- *South Branch Whitewater-PL-566
- *Shore land District
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3.) From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you want to receive funding.

- Soil erosion & water quality through out county.
- Prioritize applications that address water quality concerns.
- Prioritize applications that promote forage based agriculture.
- Prioritize applications that promote livestock based agriculture.
- Prioritize applications that promote the establishment & perpetuation of native species.

-Prioritize applications that promote upland water storage and/or flood reduction

4.) Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Soil Erosion & Water Quality-Applicant will install practices that result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system. (5 pts)

Soil Erosion & Water Quality-Does application directly improve surface or groundwater (5pts)

Water Quality-Is this application located in a Department of Health identified wellhead Protection. (5pts)

Soil Erosion & Water Quality -Application will involve conversion to a No-Till cropping system.. (5pts)

Soil Erosion & Water Quality-Does this application environmentally enhance an existing livestock operation (5pts)

Soil Erosion & Water Quality-Does this application convert cropland to a mixed perennial system (10pts)

Soil Erosion & Water Quality-Does the application include incentive payment for cover crop following row crop harvest (5pts)

Soil Erosion & Water Quality-Is this application located in an area identified as having high susceptibility for surface or groundwater pollution as identified in the Winona County Geologic Atlas (5pts)

Wildlife Habitat Management- Does application include establishment or enhancement of native species (5pts)

Water Quality-Does this application limit access to a riparian corridor (5pts)

Water Quality-Does this application include nutrient management on applicants entire Ag Operation. (5pts)

- 5) **Assign points to the questions in item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**
- 6) **Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC (FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the local issues section of the ranking tool.**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participants in the Local Work Group.

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